

SUMMARY OF FISHING REGULATIONS

A resident of Ontario does not require a licence to angle, except in Algonquin, Lake Superior or Quetico Provincial Parks. A non-resident must have a licence before angling.

No person may hold more than one angling licence in any year, and the angler must have the licence on his person when fishing.

A licence is not transferable and must not be loaned to any other person.

A non-resident under the age of seventeen years may angle without a licence if he is accompanied by a member of his family who has a licence, but the fish which he takes shall be a part of the catch limit of the holder of the licence.

A resident under the age of seventeen years may angle in Algonquin, Lake Superior or Quetico Provincial Parks if he is accompanied by a member of his family who has a licence, but the fish which he takes shall be a part of the catch limit of the holder of the licence.

No person shall refuse to produce and show his licence to an officer as often as he is reasonably requested to do so.

No person may take any black bass, maskinonge, speckled trout, spalke, brown trout, rainbow trout, aurora trout, or Atlantic salmon by any means except angling.

Angling means taking or attempting to take fish by means of a hook, line and rod held in the hand, and includes casting and trolling.

Angling does not include taking or trying to take fish by means of set lines, with the exception that a fisherman may use a tip-up for ice fishing provided he remains in attendance on it.

A fishing line or lure must not have more than four hooks on it, but three hooks in a gang on artificial lures are counted as one hook.

Angling or taking fish is not permitted in waters which are set apart by regulation for the conservation or propagation of fish.

It is not permissible to angle within twenty-five yards of a pound net.

It is not permissible to sell, offer for sale, buy or barter without a licence, any black bass, maskinonge, speckled trout, spalke, brown trout, rainbow trout, aurora trout, Atlantic Salmon, yellow pickerel, pike, lake trout or sturgeon.

A non-resident may, on leaving Ontario, take away or export his lawful catch of one day's limit. Such fish must not be skinned or cut up in such a manner as to make it impossible to identify the fish, or to determine the number of fish being taken away or exported. No person shall transfer within Ontario any fish taken by angling that are so cut up as to make it impossible to identify the fish or determine their number.

An angler may take minnows and other small fish for personal use as bait by means of a dip net which is not more than three feet square or three feet in diameter, or with a bait fish trap which is not greater than twenty inches in length or twelve inches in diameter, but he must not have more than fifty live bait fish in his possession at one time from April 1st to October 31st.

Live carp, dogfish, gar pike, goldfish, white perch or smelt must not be used for bait anywhere. Live alewife and yellow perch must not be used for bait, except in the Great Lakes.

The use for bait of any species of lamprey in any stage of its development is prohibited.

Live bait fish must not be released into any waters other than those from which they were originally taken.

In certain lakes the use of live bait fish is not allowed. For information apply to the Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto, Ontario.

No live fish, (including bait fish) may be brought into Ontario without the consent of the Minister of Lands and Forests.

No person may transfer fish from one body of water to another within Ontario without the consent of the Minister of Lands and Forests.

No person may allow any fish he has taken which is suitable for food, to be destroyed or spoiled.

Artificial lights must not be used for taking fish. Dynamite or other explosive material must not be used for the taking or destruction of fish.

No spring gaff may be used to take or land fish.

No person may use a spear gun to take fish.

Unbaited hooks must not be used to take fish except in the case of artificial lures used for casting or trolling. Snagging is prohibited. A gaff may be used to land fish which have been taken by angling.

It is an offence to fish with or be in possession of, on or within fifty feet of any waters, a spring gaff, baited or unbaited snagger, or snare capable of taking fish.

ANGLING LICENCE FEES

Non-resident (for entire season) \$6.50
Resident (Provincial Parks only) 3.25

(A resident angling licence is required in Algonquin, Lake Superior and Quetico Provincial Parks.)

For the purposes of angling, residents of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are classed as residents of Ontario.

Angling licenses may be obtained at representative tourist outfitters' camps and lodges, summer camps and hotels, and sporting goods dealers, as well as at any District Office of the Department of Lands and Forests.

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ONTARIO FISHERY REGULATIONS

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This summary is prepared for convenience only and is not a complete résumé of the various regulations relating to fisheries.

A complete consolidation of the regulations from which this summary is compiled is available from the Department of Lands and Forests at Toronto, Ontario. For detailed reference consult The Game and Fisheries Act, and the Ontario Fishery Regulations.



ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS
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OPEN SEASONS FOR ANGLING

1962

(All dates are inclusive)

BLACK BASS:

June 30th to October 15th, except

(1) St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and Detroit River: June 23rd to December 31st.

(2) Lake Erie and Niagara River between Lake Erie and Niagara Falls: June 30th to November 30th.

(3) St. Lawrence River west of the dam at the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station in Stormont county: June 15th to November 30th.

(4) Canadian boundary waters (other than Lake Superior) between Thunder Bay District and Minnesota, and Kenora and Rainy River Districts: May 12th to December 15th.

MASKINONGE:

(a) North and west of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing and that part of Georgian Bay north of a line from the northern extremity of Fitzwilliam Island northeasterly to the southeasterly limit of Travers Township: June 20th to October 15th.

(b) South of and excluding the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing: June 30th to October 15th, except

(1) St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and Detroit River: June 23rd to December 15th;

(2) Lake Erie and Niagara River between Lake Erie and Niagara Falls: June 30th to December 15th;

(3) St. Lawrence River west of the dam at the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station in Stormont county: June 30th to November 30th; and

(4) St. Lawrence River, east of the dam at the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station in Stormont County, Lake St. Francis and the Ottawa River: May 12th to November 30th.

SPECKLED TROUT, BROWN TROUT AND AURORA TROUT:

April 28th to September 15th.

RAINBOW TROUT: (Includes Kamloops Trout)

April 28th to September 15th, except

(1) Lake Huron (including Georgian Bay and North Channel), Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and portions of designated streams in the Counties of Bruce, Durham, Grey, Huron, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario and Simcoe, and the districts of Algoma and Manitoulin: April 28th to November 30th. (For specific information, write Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto.)

(2) Lake Simcoe:

(i) April 28th to October 5th; and
(ii) November 3rd to November 30th.

ATLANTIC SALMON AND OUANANICHE:

April 28th to October 15th.

YELLOW PICKEREL (Doré, Pike-Perch, Walleye Pike) and

PIKE (Great Northern Pike and Grass Pike):

(a) No closed season in Great Lakes, Georgian Bay, North Channel, and their intervening international connecting waters, except Bay of Quinte of Lake Ontario: April 28th to March 31st.

(b) North and west of, and excluding the French and Mattawa Rivers, Lake Nipissing and the waters described in (a):

Pickerel—May 12th to April 14th, next following; Pike - no closed season when taken by angling.

(c) South of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing, except waters described in (a) and (d);

Pickerel—May 12 to March 31, next following; Pike—May 12th to March 31st, next following; no closed season in Ottawa River.

Pike may be taken by means of a spear (but not a spear gun) or bow and arrow during March and April in the counties of Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Kent, Lambton, Lincoln, Middlesex, Norfolk and Welland.

(d) St. Lawrence River: April 28th to March 31st next following, except

(1) Lake St. Francis: Pickerel—May 12 to March 31; Pike—No closed season.

LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE:

(a) No closed season in Great Lakes, Georgian Bay, North Channel, intervening international connecting waters and the St. Lawrence River.

(b) January 1st to October 15th;

(i) District of Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin, Nipissing (north of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing), Sudbury, and
(ii) District of Timiskaming.

(c) January 1st to September 24th;

Boundary waters between Ontario and Minnesota, excluding Lake Superior, but including the portion of Lake of the Woods in Rainy River District.

(d) No closed season when taken by angling: Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay Districts (except boundary waters designated in (c)).

(e) November 3rd to October 5th next following: South of and excluding the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing (other than the waters designated in (a), (f) and (g)).

(f) March 1st to October 5th: Frontenac, Hastings and Lennox and Addington Counties.

(g) December 20th to October 5th:—Lake Simcoe

STURGEON:

(a) No closed season in Great Lakes, Georgian Bay, North Channel, intervening international connecting waters and that portion of the St. Lawrence River between Lake Ontario and the dam at the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station in Stormont County.

(b) In all waters other than (a): June 15th to May 14th next following.

WHITEFISH:

No closed season, except

(1) Namakan Lake and Rainy Lake in Rainy River District closed from October 25th to Nov. 15th.

(2) Lake Simcoe—closed from October 6th to December 20th.

It is unlawful to fish from October 16th to the day, immediately preceding the opening day of the season for speckled trout, in the waters of:

(a) Algonquin Park;

(b) Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough or Victoria Counties; the Trent River, Lake Scugog, and Dalrymple (Mud) Lake, except that;

(1) Rainbow trout may be taken by angling, in the waters of Durham and Northumberland Counties south of Number 2 Highway, from October 16th to November 30th.

(2) Smelts may be taken with a dip net in the waters of Durham and Northumberland Counties south of Number 2 Highway, during March and April.

LIMITS OF CATCH

BLACK BASS: Six (6) in one day.

MASKINONGE: Two (2) in one day, not less than 28 inches in length.

YELLOW OR BLUE PICKEREL (or any combination thereof): Six (6) in one day.

PIKE: Six (6) in one day.

LAKE TROUT: (Includes Splake)

(i) Lake Simcoe, two (2) in one day.

(ii) Lake Timagami and southern Ontario (excluding the French and Mattawa Rivers, Lake Nipissing, the Great Lakes and connecting waters and the St. Lawrence River), three (3) in one day.

(iii) Boundary waters in the District of Rainy River, between the main shores of Minnesota and Ontario, three (3) in one day.

(iv) All other waters, five (5) in one day.

ATLANTIC SALMON: (Includes Ouananiche) One (1) in one day.

RAINBOW TROUT: (Includes Kamloops trout) Five (5) in one day.

BROWN TROUT AND AURORA TROUT: Five (5) in one day.

SPECKLED TROUT:

One (1) and an additional fourteen (14) in one day, provided the additional fourteen in the aggregate weigh not more than ten (10) pounds (except in Elgin, Middlesex and Norfolk Counties: One (1) and an additional nine (9) in one day provided the additional nine in the aggregate weigh not more than five (5) pounds.

PERCH:

Lake Mindemoya—Ten (10) in one day. St. Lawrence River and tributaries east of Robideaux Bay in Cornwall Township—thirty-five (35) in one day. Other waters—no limit.

STURGEON: One (1) in one day.

NOTE:

Possession limit shall not exceed one day's catch. Length is measured from tip of head (jaws closed) to tip of tail (lobes compressed).